

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a gross violation of public trust. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Presenting a damaging documentary as "news" days before an election blatantly violates this obligation. If the action is allowed to proceed, it will significantly lower the bar for broadcast journalism. If the FCC has an interest in protecting the credibility of TV news, they need to interject strongly in Sinclair's plans.